

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

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Described is an embossing apparatus (10) for transferring a transfer layer (42) of an embossing film (44) on to a substrate body (38) which is stable in respect of shape. The embossing station (12) has two mutually spaced support rollers (16) and a deflection roller (18) around which runs an embossing belt (20). An embossing section (26) of the embossing belt (20) is defined by the support rollers (16). Provided in the proximity of the embossing station (12) in parallel relationship with the embossing section (26) is a transport device (14) which is provided for transporting the substrate body (38) to be embossed. The embossing belt (20) and the transport device (14) are driven simultaneously at the same advance speed (34).

(Figure 1)